

FREE PRESS.

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Official Paper of Hays and Blanco Counties.

New Volume—New Style.

Soon after we began the publication of the FREE PRESS, now over four years since, it will be recollected that we enlarged and very much improved it at considerable extra expense, hoping that the result would be to increase its circulation and usefulness. But in this we were mistaken, and after continuing it thus for some eighteen months, we felt compelled, much to our regret, to reduce the size of the paper in order to avoid actual loss. In its reduced form, though quite good enough for the patronage given it, it was, of course, not so acceptable; yet we venture to say that no one has been so dissatisfied with it as ourselves, and we have continued to hope to be able to make a change for the better.

It gives us great pleasure, therefore, to be able to say that in spite of the hard times, we have succeeded in making such a change, and to point to our present issue in proof of the fact. We hand you now a paper almost TWICE AS LARGE as it has for some time been, and CONTAINING FROM THREE TO FOUR TIMES AS MUCH READING MATTER, yet without any increase of price. We have been enabled to make this desirable consummation by the aid of the co-operative system of newspaper publishing, through which we receive four pages ready printed, from the great metropolis of the Southwest, St. Louis. This plan has been so thoroughly systematized that its results are now entirely satisfactory. Its issues embrace a full compend of news, political, literary, agricultural, domestic and miscellaneous matter of a very choice character and great variety. In proof "see our inside" this week.

The other four pages we print at home, as heretofore. But the new arrangement will enable us to devote this space much more exclusively to local matters—the great point of interest in a home paper—to advertising, and allow more time for doing job work, and attending to the other more profitable departments of our business.

This change will considerably increase our unavoidable expenses, but we trust the friends of the FREE PRESS will now so extend its patronage as to keep it up to the proposed standard. We give our people one more opportunity, and by far the best they have ever had, to secure to themselves a paper which shall be a credit to our town, county and section. We feel that we have done our whole duty in the premises, and that if compelled again to retrograde, the fault will not be ours.

It will be seen by our "head" that we are now publishing the SAN MARCOS FREE PRESS merely. We have somewhere heard it remarked of some local politician who aspired to the presidency—we believe it was Frank Pierce—that he was respectable enough in his own State, but when you came to spread him over the entire United States he was entirely too thin. So we no longer assume to spread ourself over all West Texas, but shall be quite content to represent that portion of the far-famed San Marcos country which has its natural center at our beautiful town.

We send this issue of the FREE PRESS to a number of persons who are not subscribers, hoping that, upon examination, they will like it so well as to favor us with their subscriptions. But they need have no fear that it will be continued, unless ordered and paid for. We never try to force our paper on anybody.

ELECTIONS.—The results were various. New York State has gone Democratic, but the Legislature, it is thought, Republican. Pennsylvania has gone Democratic by 10,000. Gen. McClellan is elected Governor of New Jersey by about 13,000 majority. Massachusetts and Connecticut largely Republican.

DR. GRESS was re-elected Mayor of Austin by about fifty majority over his highest competitor, Gen. Shelley.

Interesting Letter

The following comes to us from A. B. Close, Esq., Land and Emigration Agent at St. Louis for the Northern and Western States, and who was instrumental in settling the "Haven Colony" in Guadalupe county. It occurred to us that the best way to secure attention to his request would be to publish his letter. All whom it may concern—and we have many whom it ought to concern—will see that the subject is one of very great importance and we advise them to enter into correspondence with Mr. Close:

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27, 1877.

ED. SAN MARCOS FREE PRESS:—I send you copies of "Haven Weekly." Please place us on your exchange list, and send paper to Elmira, N. Y.

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A. B. CLOSE.

SENATOR MORTON died at Indianapolis on the 1st inst. They gave him a big funeral. Dan. Voorhees, otherwise known as the "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash," has been appointed to succeed him.

COMPLAINTS are made by new arrivals from England that Dr. W. G. Kingsbury, agent for the Pierce road, has misrepresented matters to them. Misrepresentation instead of benefiting us disgusts new comers, and the recoil results in two-fold damage upon us. The plain truth is a good enough representation without deluding strangers with impossibilities.

SITTING BULL having retreated to Canada, our government sent a commission to treat with him, but he met them with open hate and defiance. On rejecting the overtures of the United States at the recent conference, he was informed by the Canadian government that he would not hereafter be permitted to cross the border and make war on the Americans, and that if he should attempt such movement he would have English as well as American troops to contend with.

THE agents of the Haven Colony in their report say: "We believe in the wonderful resources of Texas, and feel sure that there are opportunities there for men of brain and muscle, which, if directed by intelligence and backed up by capital, will make homes and fortunes with more satisfaction than it can be done in any other land or country."

THE Denison News is opposed to war with Mexico on general principles. It regards war as unnecessary, so long as there is a possibility of adjusting grievances by arbitration, and Murray goes on to say that he resided on the Mexican frontier long enough to learn that the American element is as often to blame for the ill-feeling engendered between the two governments as the Mexicans.

THE Dallas Herald says war with Mexico would be "a political bonanza to Governor Hubbard." This is not an original idea with the Herald, nor with us. The Herald adds, however, and somewhat significantly, that "Governor Hubbard has an opportunity to immortalize himself, and we have a notion that he does not mean to let it slip by unimproved." We are further persuaded that when this war is inaugurated he will have blundered to his own ruin who begins it without adequate cause. There is nothing to be made by it in the end. There is nothing in Mexico to steal, and one side loses everything and gains nothing. If we win Mexico we will have won an elephant, and to effect a conquest will cost 50,000 lives and countless millions of money.—Statesman.

THE city council of Waco have accepted a proposition of S. S. Brown to build a system of water works and to have it completed by the first of next May. The contractor binds himself to erect the necessary machinery on the Brazos, to build a reservoir which will hold one million gallons, and to furnish a supply sufficient for a population of fifty thousand. The city takes thirty-five hydrants at \$80 per year each.

BARNUM in a late letter starts the following original idea, which however may be true:

I have seen a good many people humbugged during my life, and have been humbugged myself, but I have noticed that more persons, on the whole are humbugged by believing in nothing, than believing in too much.

ANNA DICKINSON is at work on two plays—one for an English actress. She declined two offers of marriage last summer—one from a congressman. The other was probably the renewal of Whitelaw Reid's proposals. Her refusal in either case is not surprising. Anna is entirely too much of a woman to marry Whitelaw Reid, and too much of a lady to marry the average congressman.

APPROPOS of the late funeral honors to Gen. Custer, an exchange tells some plain truths, as follows: Gen. Custer's remains were buried at West Point yesterday. It will never be forgotten that he was sacrificed to the spite and revenge of Grant for daring to come to Washington and tell what he knew of the post-trading frauds, in response to the summons of the Democratic House. A brave man, full of the spirit of chivalry, true as steel in every fibre of his nature, he fought like a hero in spite of his ill-treatment, and fell a martyr to Grant's implacable hatred. Of course the Indians did it, but with rifles and bullets sold them by Grant's post-traders, in a war provoked almost solely by Grant's swindling contractors and depredators. Grant will not be at the funeral.

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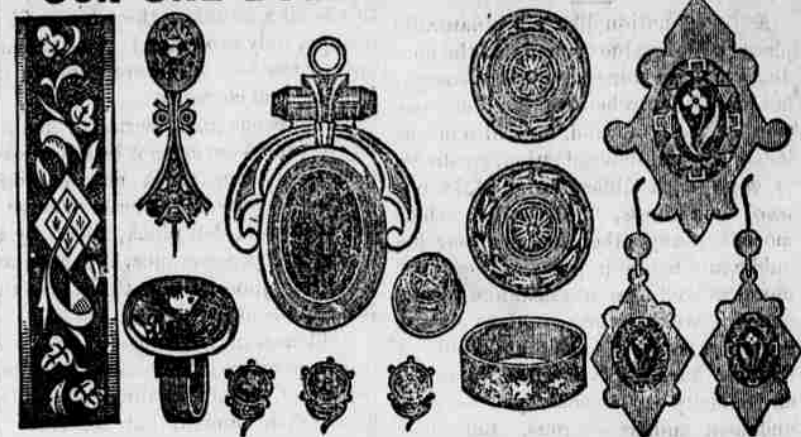
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